

**REMARKS**

In the September 13, 2007 Office Action, the specification was objected to and claims 1-10, 13-21 and 23-35 stand rejected in view of prior art. Also, claim 36 was objected to for an informality. On the other hand, claims 11, 12, 22 and 36-38 were indicated as containing allowable subject matter. Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for this indication of allowable subject matter and the thorough examination of this application.

***Status of Claims and Amendments***

In response to the September 13, 2007 Office Action, Applicants have cancelled all of rejected claims 1-10, 13-21 and 23-35, and amended the specification and claims 11, 12, 22 36 and 38 as indicated above. Basically, Applicants have amended/cancelled claims to accept the allowable subject matter, as explained below. Thus, claims 11, 12, 22 and 36-38 are pending, with claims 11, 12, 22, 36 and 38 being the only independent claims. Reexamination and reconsideration of the pending claims are respectfully requested in view of above amendments and the following comments.

***Specification***

In paragraph 1 of the Office Action, the specification was objected to for an informality at page 39, line 9. In response, Applicants have amended the specification to correct the error. Applicants believe that the specification is now correct and complies with 37 CFR §1.71 and 37 CFR §1.75(d)(1). Accordingly, withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

***Claim Objections***

In paragraph 2 of the Office Action, claim 36 was objected to for an informality. In response, Applicants have changed the term “PMSM” to - permanent magnet synchronous motor - in claim 36 to overcome this objection. Accordingly, withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

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***Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102/103***

In paragraphs 3-16 (pages 2-10) of the Office Action, claims 1-10, 13-21 and 23-35 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) and/or 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over a variety of references applied alone or in combination. In response, Applicants have cancelled all of rejected claims 1-10, 13-21 and 23-35. Thus, these rejections are now believed to be moot, and thus, will not be discussed in further detail herein. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of these rejections.

***Allowable Subject Matter***

In paragraph 17 of the Office Action, claims 11, 12, 22 and 36-38 were indicated as containing allowable subject matter. Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for this indication of allowable subject matter and the thorough examination of this application. In response, Applicants have amended claims 11, 12, 22, 36 and 38 to place them in independent form and accept the allowable subject matter. Thus, claims 11, 12, 22 and 36-38 are now believed to be allowable.

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In view of the foregoing amendment and comments, Applicants respectfully assert that claims 11, 12, 22 and 36-38 are now in condition for allowance. Reexamination and reconsideration of the pending claims are respectfully requested. If there are any questions regarding this Amendment, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

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